



## Ohio Union Council Meeting Minutes

*January 10, 2013 – Rosa Ailabouni Room, Ohio Union*

Present: Matt Couch (Ex-Officio, Ohio Union Director of Student Activities & Orientation), Dan Huffman (Ohio Union Business Office), Katie Dean Williams (Ohio Union Graduate Student Employee), Chuck Claibourne (Alumna), Brad Myers (At-Large), Mia Grube (Ex-Officio, President of Ohio Union Activities Board), Adam Young (Council of Graduate Students), Ann Kneidinger-Flaherty (At-Large), Lexie Alley (USG), Simon Cheung (Ohio Union Student Employee), Frank Sasso (At-Large), Hali Buck (Ex-Officio, Coordinator of Student Involvement, Advisor of the OUAB), Richard Wofford (USAC), Evan Sieradzki (Chair, Undergraduate Student Government), Julie Hull (Inter-Professional Council), Megan Koester (At-Large, Community/Supporter)

### I. Welcome

### II. Block Presentation: Tim Keegstra, Associate Director of Dining Services

- Part of the reason for the meal plan switch from swipes to blocks was that Dining Services knew Ohio State was going to need to change the meal plan structure for semesters anyway.
- In the first semester, students ended up with significantly more blocks leftover than expected. As a result, Dining Services issued the first-ever refund due to the learning curve.
- They have added a new meal plan mid-year, which will create challenges some challenges.
- Tim showed the council a graph for the Union Market which showed that business going in and out of the operation has not really changed since last year when swipes were available.
- Tim anticipated the Ohio Union being busier next year due to the increase in the number of students living on South Campus and renovated residence halls opening.
- Dining has found that Buckeye Passports (rotating international fare) is more popular than anticipated.
- In the future, Dining hopes to grow their usage from commuter students.

### III. Ohio Union Activities Board Update

- a. Mia Grube, OUAB President
  - OUAB hosted 113 events for fall attracting about 4600 students.
  - Wednesday, November 29 was a special day for OUAB: 5 events in the Ohio Union all at the same time which 3,200 students in the Ohio Union
  - 12/1 Louis CK did a great stand-up routine (93% redemption rate which was super high)
  - OUAB is working on selecting a new executive board and will be doing interviews the last week of January.
  - There will be a Membership Retreat for all members on Saturday, 2/2.
  - In Mid-February, OUAB sending students to NACA (National Association for Campus Activities)
  - OUAB anticipates 120 events for the spring including Dr. Jane Goodall, Step Afrika, Nicholas Sparks, and Dancing with the Stars performers

### IV. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Ad-Hoc to Review Ohio Union Council Policies & Procedures (Katie Dean Williams, Evan, and Katie K)
  - Katie Dean presented the first read-through of the updated version of the Ohio Union Council Operating Procedures
  - Send any questions or comments to Katie Dean Williams.
- b. Policy (Eve Esch)

- This semester, the committee will be reviewing...
  - 1) Study table booking procedures
  - 2) Gambling options for events in the Ohio Union to clarify policies for the state of Ohio
  - 3) Security required for social events (including bar mitzvahs, proms).
- c. Events (Simon Cheung, Chair)
  - Next Wednesday the Major Campus Events Committee will be hosting the Winter Involvement Fair. The committee will meet next Thursday.

## **V. Directors' Reports**

- a. Business & Finance Director's Report from Dan Huffman
  - Dan shared the Budget to Actual Overview as of 12/31 as well as the Ohio Union Accounts Receivable Process.
- b. Ohio Union Events Director's Report (Eve Esch)
  - Recent events include sorority and fraternity recruitment, Athletics recruitment dinners including for football, and the Hale Center hosting an MLK Day Celebration featuring Danny Glover.
  - Upcoming events: Muslim student conference, career fairs, and February features United Black World Month
  - The Ohio Union was open 21 out of 31 days in December, and 336 out of 339 days. Event Services' own Jeff Pelletier was just appointed to the Board of Trustees for Association of College Unions International (ACUI).
- c. Student Activities & Orientation Director's Report from Matt Couch
  - Buck -I-SERV applications now available – 19 summer trips and 21 spring trips
  - Winter Involvement Fair this year will feature live penguins and an ice sculpture!
  - Up to 1009 active student organizations
  - BuckeyeThon is coming up in February and will be held in 2 shifts. They have the goal of raising \$550,000
  - Melissa Rocco was elected as the Leadership Education Chair for ACPA

## **VI. Future Meetings & Topics**

Thurs. Feb 7 at 6:30pm (Ohio Union – SPHINX Room)  
 Thurs. Mar 7 at 6:30pm (Ohio Union - Ohio Staters, Inc. Founders Room)  
 Thurs. Apr 11 at 6:30pm (Ohio Union - SPHINX Room)

- Other updates to come for future meetings: Digital platforms in the Ohio Union

## **VII. Announcements**

- Megan Koester works at the Ronald McDonald House and Coach Matta won \$100,000 through an ESPN online contest. Megan asked for support from the group for this year's competition.